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Upland cotton ginned in the United States prior to December 1 this season contained a record-high proportion of cotton stapling 34 and longer, according to the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service. These medium and longer staples accounted for nine-tenths of total ginnings. The White grades 31 and above comprised 15 percent of ginnings through November 30 against 19 percent last season. Fiber strength of cotton in this season's ginnings was stronger than a year ago. The average was 87,000 pounds per square inch against last year's average of 86,000 pounds. Cotton miking in the 3.5-4.9 range represented 84 percent of total ginnings compared with 85 percent a year earlier.

The average staple of upland cotton ginned through November 30 this season was 34.6 thirty-seconds inches, the longest average staple for any like period on record. Cotton stapling 34 and longer comprised a record-high percentage - 90 percent - of ginnings prior to December 1. Staple 35 was the predominant staple and made up 52 percent of ginnings through November 30 compared with 31 percent last season. Six percent of ginnings prior to December 1 was in the two lengths 32 and 33, down from 12 percent a year ago. Cotton stapling 31 and shorter accounted for only four percent of this season's ginnings, the smallest percentage on record.

The grade index of upland cotton ginned prior to December 1 this season was 91.8 (grade 31=100) compared with 92.4 a year earlier. The White grades 31 and above accounted for 15 percent of ginnings prior to December 1 this season, down from the 19 percent in last season's ginnings. Grade 41 was the most prevalent grade and comprised 42 percent of ginnings against 41 percent last year. The percentage of ginnings in all White grades - 83 percent - was the highest since the 1958-59 season. The Light Spotted grades made up 15 percent of ginnings, the lowest percentage since 1958. The Spotted and other Colored grades represented only two percent of ginnings, the same as a year ago.

Fiber strength of cotton ginned prior to December 1 this season averaged 87,000 pounds per square inch. This compares with the average of 86,000 pounds in each of the two preceding seasons. Cotton testing less than 80,000 pounds per square inch comprised 14 percent of ginnings compared with 16 percent last season. Cotton breaking 90,000 pounds and stronger accounted for 32 percent of ginnings prior to December 1, the largest proportion on record.

The average micronaire of upland cotton ginned prior to December 1 was 4.3 compared with 4.4 last season. Cotton miking 3.4 and below was equivalent to about six percent of this season's ginnings, up from three percent last year. Cotton in the 3.5-4.9 mike range accounted for 84 percent of total ginnings against 85 percent a year earlier. Nine percent of ginnings through November 30 miked 5.0 and above compared with 12 percent a year ago.

The supply of upland cotton to December 1 this season (carryover plus ginnings) totaled 11.9 million running bales. This is 1.1 million bales smaller than last season's supply to the same date. This season's supply of cotton stapling 34 and longer totaled 9.3 million bales compared with last year's supply of 8.9 million bales. Supplies in the lengths 33 and shorter were 2.6 million bales, down from the 4.1 million bales a year earlier. The grade distribution indicates that this year's supply of cotton in the White grades 41 and above totaled 6.9 million bales compared with 7.2 million a year ago. This season's supply of Light Spotted cotton was 2.2 million bales against 2.4 million last season. Spotted and other Colored grades totaled 0.3 million bales, down from last year's supply of 0.9 million.

Cotton ginned prior to December 1 this season totaled 8,295,000 running bales, according to the Bureau of the Census. This compares with ginnings of 9,197,000 bales to the same date a year earlier and 9,308,000 bales two years ago. This season's ginnings through November 30 were equivalent to about 72 percent of the indicated 1974 crop against 73 percent a year earlier. Cotton ginned in the November 15-30 period this season totaled 1,784,000 bales compared with 2,127,000 bales ginned in the same period last season.

Table 1. Upland cotton in the United States, ginnings and supply, by grade 1/

Grade	Code	November 1-30			Season through November 30			Supply to December 1			Change in Supply		
		1974		Pct.	1974		Bales	1974		Pct.	1,000 bales	1974 from 1973	
		Bales	Pct.		Bales	Pct.		1973	1974				1973
White													
G.M.	(11)	32	19	*	*	79	19	*	*	1	*	*	+100.0
S.M.	(21)	19,467	4,950	0.5	0.1	54,080	18,808	0.6	0.2	86	49	0.7	-43.0
M.+	(30)	150	21	*	*	941	362	*	*	31	27	0.2	-4
M.	(31)	830,957	272,666	20.0	8.2	1,710,581	1,230,206	18.7	14.9	1,978	1,733	15.2	-245
S.L.M.+	(40)	68,250	114,229	1.6	3.5	174,130	363,881	1.9	4.4	461	662	3.5	+201
S.L.M.	(41)	1,629,732	1,381,414	39.3	41.8	3,750,297	3,490,114	41.0	42.4	4,595	4,477	35.2	-118
L.M.+	(50)	58,553	88,057	1.4	2.7	155,967	214,107	1.7	2.6	453	474	3.5	+21
L.M.	(51)	632,025	738,374	15.2	22.3	1,365,880	1,391,195	14.9	16.8	1,829	1,712	14.0	-117
S.G.O.+	(60)	6,641	8,933	0.2	0.3	14,047	14,743	0.2	0.2	28	28	0.2	0
S.G.O.	(61)	63,555	85,174	1.5	2.6	122,074	131,111	1.3	1.6	249	185	1.9	-64
G.O.+	(70)	76	304	*	*	223	487	*	*	3	2	*	-1
G.O.	(71)	5,495	8,686	0.1	0.3	10,319	13,022	0.1	0.2	27	19	0.2	-8
Light Spotted													
G.M.	(12)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**	**	*	0
S.M.	(22)	2,026	545	*	*	3,888	2,179	*	*	9	17	0.1	+8
M.	(32)	278,769	52,464	6.7	1.6	439,330	200,647	4.8	2.4	555	701	4.3	+146
S.L.M.	(42)	359,446	318,185	8.6	9.6	871,689	699,276	9.5	8.5	1,261	1,097	9.7	-164
L.M.	(52)	142,060	168,296	3.4	5.1	342,646	341,457	3.7	4.1	564	434	4.3	-130
Spotted													
G.M.	(13)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**	-	*	0
S.M.	(23)	193	88	*	*	334	131	*	*	7	6	0.1	-1
M.	(33)	7,779	3,351	0.2	0.1	13,377	5,561	0.1	0.1	103	63	0.8	-40
S.L.M.	(43)	19,846	20,420	0.5	0.6	53,185	36,243	0.6	0.4	302	81	2.3	-221
L.M.	(53)	15,732	19,540	0.4	0.6	46,320	53,232	0.5	0.6	170	79	1.3	-91
Tinged 2/	(14-54)	728	327	*	*	2,171	1,033	*	*	176	12	1.4	-164
Stained 2/	(15-35)	33	21	*	*	33	50	*	*	3	1	*	-2
Light Gray													
G.M.	(16)	11	-	*	-	11	-	*	-	2	-	*	-2
S.M.	(26)	401	505	*	*	616	1,039	*	*	1	1	*	0
M.	(36)	2,822	3,638	0.1	0.1	5,570	6,115	0.1	0.1	26	9	0.2	-17
S.L.M.	(46)	1,705	1,104	*	*	2,570	2,330	*	*	23	5	0.2	-18
Gray													
G.M.	(17)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S.M.	(27)	-	21	-	*	-	34	-	*	1	**	*	-1
M.	(37)	60	42	*	*	106	165	*	*	3	1	*	-2
S.L.M.	(47)	198	148	*	*	312	254	*	*	11	2	0.1	-9
Below Grade 3/		13,088	17,243	0.3	0.5	30,963	38,693	0.3	0.5	78	65	0.6	-13
All grades		4,159,830	3,308,765	100.0	100.0	9,171,739	8,256,494	100.0	100.0	13,035	11,943	100.0	-1,092
													-8.4

1/ Data for current season are preliminary.

2/ Includes all grades.

3/ Bales that are lower in grade than the lowest official standard for the corresponding color group.
* Less than 0.05 percent. ** Less than 500 bales.

Table 2. Upland cotton in the United States, ginnings and supply, by staple 1/

Staple Code	November 1-30			Season through November 30			Supply to December 1			Change in Supply	
	1973	1974	Pct.	1973	1974	Pct.	1973	1974	Pct.	1974 from 1973	1,000 bales
26 and shorter	Bales 1,089	Bales 197	Pct. *	Bales 1,768	Bales 637	Pct. *	1,000 bales 3	1,000 bales 1	Pct. *	-2	-66.7
28	20,252	4,147	0.5	25,552	10,513	0.3	51	24	0.4	-27	-52.9
29	140,235	13,099	3.4	162,900	43,177	1.8	253	143	1.9	-110	-43.5
30	452,327	45,708	10.9	557,734	135,046	6.1	943	548	7.2	-395	-41.9
31	458,485	83,184	11.0	655,046	140,968	7.1	986	550	7.6	-436	-44.2
32	301,908	84,515	7.3	470,672	137,383	5.1	814	522	6.2	-292	-35.9
33	280,763	99,148	6.7	583,633	327,958	6.4	1,052	775	8.1	-277	-26.3
34	1,085,555	633,191	26.1	3,165,195	1,946,649	34.6	4,428	2,865	34.1	-1,563	-35.3
35	1,090,608	1,752,459	26.2	2,855,473	4,283,053	31.1	3,559	4,998	27.3	+1,439	+40.4
36	316,132	524,052	7.6	661,180	1,147,499	7.2	860	1,366	6.6	+506	+58.8
37	11,912	62,357	0.3	31,565	75,297	0.3	70	132	0.5	+62	+88.6
38	468	5,082	0.2	903	6,466	0.1	13	15	0.1	+2	+15.4
39	-	134	-	-	238	-	2	**	*	-2	-100.0
40 and longer	96	1,492	*	118	1,610	*	1	4	*	+3	+300.0
All staples	4,159,830	3,308,765	100.0	9,171,739	8,256,494	100.0	13,035	11,943	100.0	-1,092	-8.4

1/ Data for current season are preliminary.

* Less than 0.05 percent.

** Less than 500 bales.

Table 3. Specified measures of quality for upland ginnings 1/

Item	November 1-30		Season through November 30		Supply to December 1	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
Grade index (Mid. White=100)	92.6	90.4	92.4	91.8	91.3	92.1
Average staple, 32nd. inch	33.2	34.7	33.7	34.6	33.6	34.1
Rough preparation, percent	*	*	*	*	-	-
Tenderable, percent 2/	70.8	63.1	69.3	69.0	-	-
Average mike reading	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.3	-	-
Average fiber strength (Mpsi) 3/	85.2	87.0	86.0	87.0	-	-

1/ Data for current season are preliminary.

2/ Tenderable for grade, staple and mike in settlement of futures contracts.

3/ Excludes North Carolina. 1/8" gage fiber strength tests are being made on North Carolina cotton in lieu of the zero gage fiber strength tests. These tests are made in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and are being reported in the weekly report "Quality of Cotton Classified Under Smith-Doxey Act - Southeastern Area".

* Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 4. Percentage distribution of micronaire readings for upland ginnings prior to December 1, 1974 with 1973 comparisons, by states 1/

State	2.6 and below		2.7-2.9		3.0-3.2		3.3-3.4		3.5-3.9		4.0-4.4		4.5-4.9		5.0-5.2		5.3 and above		Totals						Average mike	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	3.5-4.9		5.0 and above		1973	1974		
																			Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.			Pct.	Pct.
N. C.	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.9	1.1	1.5	2.6	20.1	29.8	51.3	55.0	24.0	11.0	2.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	2.5	3.8	95.4	95.8	2.1	0.4	4.2	4.1
S. C.	-	-	*	*	0.2	0.5	0.3	1.2	5.4	16.4	37.7	53.0	49.1	26.0	6.8	2.6	0.5	0.3	0.5	1.7	92.2	95.4	7.3	2.9	4.5	4.3
Ga.	-	*	*	*	*	0.2	0.3	0.4	8.3	7.1	42.9	39.0	41.6	41.2	6.2	9.4	0.7	2.7	0.3	0.6	92.8	87.3	6.9	12.1	4.4	4.5
Fla.	-	-	-	-	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.1	13.5	7.0	66.1	34.8	17.4	45.7	0.8	8.8	0.7	3.5	1.5	0.2	97.0	87.5	1.5	12.3	4.2	4.5
Ala.	-	*	*	0.3	0.1	1.4	0.5	1.7	7.2	12.2	30.2	41.2	42.7	35.5	14.8	6.6	4.5	1.1	0.6	3.4	80.1	88.9	19.3	7.7	4.6	4.4
Miss.	-	*	*	0.6	0.3	2.7	0.6	3.0	5.5	17.7	26.7	39.1	48.4	31.8	15.8	4.7	2.7	0.4	0.9	6.3	80.6	88.6	18.5	5.1	4.6	4.3
Tenn.	*	0.1	*	0.6	0.1	3.8	0.3	4.2	4.8	29.6	29.0	45.8	51.8	15.3	11.9	0.6	2.1	*	0.4	8.7	85.6	90.7	14.0	0.6	4.6	4.0
Mo.	*	0.1	0.3	1.7	1.7	5.7	2.2	5.6	16.1	23.8	40.1	36.3	32.0	22.6	6.4	3.6	1.2	0.6	4.2	13.1	88.2	82.7	7.6	4.2	4.3	4.1
Ark.	*	*	*	0.3	0.4	1.9	0.5	2.1	5.3	13.6	24.4	39.8	48.0	36.0	17.5	5.6	3.9	0.7	0.9	4.3	77.7	89.4	21.4	6.3	4.6	4.3
La.	-	-	*	*	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.8	4.1	5.5	29.1	26.7	48.6	51.3	14.1	12.3	3.7	2.9	0.4	1.3	81.8	83.5	17.8	15.2	4.6	4.6
Okla.	*	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.9	2.1	0.9	2.6	8.4	11.4	34.4	27.5	40.0	38.4	11.6	13.1	3.4	4.0	2.2	5.6	82.8	77.3	15.0	17.1	4.5	4.5
Tex.	0.1	1.8	0.5	4.8	1.8	7.0	2.4	5.2	15.4	19.2	38.6	24.4	32.4	20.0	7.1	12.7	1.7	4.9	4.8	18.8	86.4	63.6	8.8	17.6	4.3	4.2
N. M.	1.6	0.3	7.9	3.7	14.5	14.6	10.5	14.1	37.7	45.3	25.3	21.3	2.3	0.7	0.2	-	-	-	34.5	32.7	65.3	67.3	0.2	-	3.6	3.6
Ariz.	0.1	*	0.6	0.1	1.4	0.6	1.3	0.5	6.7	5.2	24.5	20.0	51.3	43.8	12.7	21.7	1.4	8.1	3.4	1.2	82.5	69.0	14.1	29.8	4.5	4.7
Calif.	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.5	2.3	1.3	1.8	1.4	13.1	13.2	46.6	47.7	33.1	31.9	1.7	3.1	0.1	0.8	5.4	3.3	92.8	92.8	1.8	3.9	4.3	4.3
Other	-	-	-	0.3	6.8	1.7	4.2	4.2	21.8	26.7	44.0	40.8	22.5	25.6	0.7	0.7	-	-	11.0	6.2	88.3	93.1	0.7	0.7	4.1	4.1
U. S.	*	0.4	0.5	1.0	1.2	2.5	1.4	2.5	10.3	14.9	34.8	37.5	40.2	31.8	9.7	7.3	1.9	2.1	3.1	6.4	85.3	84.2	11.6	9.4	4.4	4.3

1/ Data for current season are preliminary.

* Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 5. Percentage distribution of fiber strength for upland cotton ginnings prior to December 1, 1974 with 1973 comparisons, by states ^{1/}

State	Zero Gage Fiber Strength (Mpsi)																		Average strength	
	64 & below		65-69		70-74		75-79		80-84		85-89		90-94		95-99		100 & above		1973	1974
																	1973	1974		
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Mpsi	Mpsi	
S. C.	-	0.1	*	0.1	2.8	6.1	23.2	41.5	49.8	43.1	21.1	8.5	3.1	0.6	*	-	-	-	81.9	79.8
Ga.	-	-	0.1	0.4	3.8	8.7	29.3	40.2	46.0	40.7	18.8	9.5	2.0	0.5	*	*	-	-	81.3	79.6
Ala.	-	-	0.3	-	3.9	2.6	30.8	24.0	44.2	49.6	17.6	21.0	2.8	2.8	0.4	*	-	-	81.3	81.9
Miss.	-	-	*	-	1.7	0.8	23.6	13.2	51.8	47.3	20.4	33.5	2.5	5.0	*	0.2	*	-	81.9	83.5
Tenn.	-	-	0.1	*	3.2	1.3	20.2	21.4	48.5	51.0	24.0	24.1	3.6	2.2	0.4	*	-	-	82.2	82.3
Mo.	-	-	-	-	1.5	0.3	18.2	13.7	43.6	50.5	30.2	30.4	6.2	4.8	0.3	0.3	-	-	83.2	83.4
Ark.	-	*	-	-	0.2	0.6	10.1	16.5	44.5	50.1	35.2	26.8	8.8	5.6	1.1	0.4	0.1	*	84.3	83.1
La.	-	-	-	*	0.2	0.7	19.7	15.7	59.8	52.9	18.2	27.1	2.0	3.6	0.1	*	-	-	82.1	82.8
Okla.	-	-	-	-	5.2	1.3	21.3	13.4	35.6	35.4	29.0	38.0	7.1	11.0	1.8	0.9	-	-	82.7	84.3
Tex.	*	-	0.3	0.1	2.3	1.7	13.1	16.4	36.4	36.1	32.5	28.9	11.6	11.9	2.9	3.9	0.9	1.0	84.5	84.4
N. Mex.	-	-	-	-	0.3	0.2	1.2	2.2	4.9	5.0	9.4	15.6	17.8	37.2	36.0	30.9	30.4	8.9	95.9	92.8
Ariz.	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.6	4.1	8.0	32.3	37.3	45.1	38.3	15.0	13.6	2.5	1.8	0.9	0.4	86.2	85.2
Calif.	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	0.1	0.9	1.2	4.6	5.2	16.4	21.1	38.9	41.3	39.2	31.1	98.0	97.0
U. S.	*	*	0.1	*	1.5	1.3	14.3	12.8	36.2	32.2	23.4	21.9	8.8	10.9	8.3	12.3	7.4	8.6	86.0	87.0

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* Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 6. Percentage distribution of the grade of upland cotton ginned prior to December 1, 1974 with 1973 comparisons, by states 1/

State	White										Light Spotted										Other colored	Below Grade		Grade index 2/						
	SM 21 & higher	M+ 30	M 31	SIM+ 40	SIM 41	IM+ 50	IM 51	SGO+ 60 & lower	SM 22 & higher	M 32	SIM 42	IM 52	Pct.	Pct.																
	1973	Pct.	1974	Pct.	1973	Pct.	1974	Pct.	1973	Pct.	1974	Pct.	1973	Pct.	1974	Pct.	1973	Pct.	1974	Pct.	1973	Pct.	1974	Pct.	1973	Pct.	1974	Pct.	1973	Pct.
N.C.	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	1.8	1.1	0.2	0.8	41.0	32.1	12.0	13.3	33.9	28.6	6.2	4.5	-	*	0.1	0.7	2.4	9.3	1.6	6.4	0.3	2.4	0.3	0.7	89.0	88.3
S.C.	0.1	0.1	-	-	3.8	3.2	0.9	0.5	32.8	37.3	6.4	6.1	31.8	28.0	5.1	4.4	0.1	*	1.0	2.0	8.9	10.1	7.4	6.5	1.3	1.3	0.4	0.5	88.5	89.0
Ga.	0.1	*	-	-	2.5	0.8	0.5	0.3	34.2	26.0	3.4	4.4	29.8	29.3	3.7	4.0	*	*	1.7	0.7	14.8	15.3	7.2	16.7	1.6	1.6	0.5	0.9	88.6	86.9
Fla.	-	-	-	-	1.2	0.2	0.1	-	45.9	49.7	5.8	5.3	31.8	28.4	0.7	0.2	-	-	0.4	0.1	8.8	10.9	3.7	4.8	1.5	0.3	-	0.1	89.7	89.9
Ala.	0.1	0.1	*	-	4.0	4.4	0.3	1.7	49.3	49.7	3.3	6.0	24.8	21.6	1.7	2.4	0.1	*	1.6	1.4	9.4	7.7	3.9	4.0	1.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	90.4	90.6
Miss.	0.2	0.2	*	*	2.9	3.3	0.3	0.5	52.3	49.6	2.0	1.9	27.5	32.1	2.3	3.0	*	*	1.0	0.6	7.9	5.6	2.8	2.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	90.3	90.0
Tenn.	0.3	0.2	-	-	9.2	5.4	0.9	1.1	48.3	47.7	1.2	2.3	11.7	26.2	1.0	3.1	*	*	6.1	2.1	16.6	8.3	3.3	2.8	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	92.0	90.5
Mo.	*	0.1	-	*	9.5	10.4	0.1	1.1	60.7	47.3	3.2	5.5	6.7	12.1	0.4	1.0	-	*	4.3	2.8	13.3	15.6	1.1	3.2	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.2	93.0	91.9
Ark.	*	*	-	*	5.2	7.3	0.3	0.8	60.5	55.8	2.0	2.6	19.4	19.0	0.9	0.9	*	*	1.5	1.3	8.3	9.5	1.5	2.2	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	91.7	91.6
Ia.	0.1	*	-	-	3.9	4.7	0.1	0.2	47.9	52.4	0.8	1.4	17.2	13.7	1.0	1.2	*	-	4.0	2.5	19.2	17.6	3.4	4.4	2.2	1.6	0.2	0.3	90.9	91.1
Okla.	-	-	-	-	10.7	0.7	1.0	-	34.4	17.3	1.0	0.5	7.3	21.4	0.5	2.2	-	-	12.0	2.1	24.2	31.1	4.5	13.8	4.1	8.9	0.3	2.0	91.8	86.4
Tex.	0.4	0.3	*	*	18.7	13.5	0.6	0.6	33.0	27.8	0.5	0.7	8.6	14.7	1.7	2.8	0.1	0.1	10.8	5.3	14.2	16.9	7.7	11.0	2.8	4.6	0.9	1.7	91.9	89.5
N.M.	4.9	*	-	-	57.4	8.0	4.2	3.5	22.7	68.1	0.9	5.2	1.0	7.4	0.2	0.7	0.1	-	6.1	2.2	2.2	3.7	0.1	1.0	0.2	0.2	*	*	97.9	93.3
Ariz.	3.2	0.3	*	-	62.0	19.0	2.0	2.5	12.6	46.0	0.3	1.7	0.8	8.7	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.1	14.9	10.1	2.9	8.4	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.5	98.2	93.7
Calif.	1.3	0.4	*	*	47.9	34.7	8.4	14.2	33.8	38.3	1.2	2.3	4.3	6.1	0.5	0.9	*	*	0.9	0.6	1.2	1.4	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	*	0.2	96.6	95.5
Other	-	-	-	-	41.6	9.4	1.2	3.1	17.3	24.7	6.6	5.3	25.2	28.0	4.3	3.7	-	-	0.3	3.1	1.1	10.4	1.3	10.0	0.8	1.6	0.3	0.7	92.8	88.9
U.S.	0.6	0.2	*	*	18.7	14.9	1.9	4.4	41.0	42.4	1.7	2.6	14.9	16.8	1.6	2.0	*	*	4.8	2.4	9.5	8.5	3.7	4.1	1.3	1.2	0.3	0.5	92.4	91.8

1/ Data for current season are preliminary.

2/ Middling White equals 100.

* Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 7. Percentage distribution of the staple of upland cotton ginned prior to December 1, 1974 with 1973 comparisons, and total ginnings, by states 1/

State	Staple Code																								Average staple 2/		Total upland ginnings	
	28 and shorter		29		30		31		32		33		34		35		36		37		38 and longer		1973	1974	Bales 156,135	Bales 115,171		
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974						
N.C.	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	Pct. 1973	Pct. 1974	34.8	35.4				
S.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.8	35.0	262,545	240,775		
Ga.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.1	34.1	342,069	339,312		
Fla.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.0	34.0	8,112	9,301		
Ala.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.7	34.2	373,687	452,011		
Miss.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.4	34.7	1,608,822	1,334,188		
Tenn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.8	34.5	392,947	251,125		
Mo.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.1	35.1	167,088	199,409		
Ark.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.3	35.0	922,843	692,566		
La.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.2	34.5	435,929	476,311		
Okla.	1.0	0.2	3.3	0.6	13.4	9.3	20.6	23.5	24.7	27.4	14.6	19.2	9.6	12.8	8.8	4.0	3.8	2.7	0.2	0.3	-	-	32.2	32.2	62,838	46,944		
Tex.	1.1	1.0	6.8	3.7	23.1	11.3	27.1	11.2	18.6	10.0	8.0	18.1	10.5	33.8	3.1	7.4	1.4	2.0	0.3	1.4	*	0.1	31.5	32.7	2,357,388	1,150,990		
N.M.	0.4	*	1.7	0.2	3.6	0.6	1.6	0.4	1.7	0.6	1.2	0.4	2.8	0.5	11.3	4.0	58.9	34.7	16.5	51.6	0.3	7.0	35.5	36.5	95,749	89,904		
Ariz.	*	-	*	*	0.1	*	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.7	25.1	15.0	70.3	77.3	2.5	5.9	0.5	0.7	*	*	34.7	34.9	426,855	681,844		
Calif.	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	0.1	0.1	2.9	2.2	65.7	62.5	31.3	35.2	*	*	-	-	35.3	35.3	1,555,942	2,173,734		
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	-	15.8	18.5	37.6	65.7	44.3	15.8	-	-	-	35.2	35.0	2,790	2,909		
U.S.	0.3	0.1	1.8	0.5	6.1	1.6	7.1	1.7	5.1	1.7	6.4	4.0	34.6	23.6	31.1	51.9	7.2	13.9	0.3	0.9	*	0.1	33.7	34.6	9,171,739	8,256,494		

1/ Data for current season are preliminary.

2/ Expressed in thirty-seconds of an inch.

* Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 8. Percentage of ginnings reduced in grade, by specified causes, prior to December 1, 1974 with 1973 comparisons, by states ^{1/}

State	Grade reductions							
	Grass		Bark		Other causes		Total reductions	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
North Carolina	10.2	10.9	1.0	*	0.1	0.1	11.3	11.0
South Carolina	11.7	6.5	0.1	0.2	*	*	11.8	6.7
Georgia	3.9	3.0	1.7	2.2	*	*	5.6	5.2
Florida	2.3	6.4	1.0	0.5	0.1	-	3.4	6.9
Alabama	6.6	6.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	*	7.0	6.6
Mississippi	6.0	8.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	*	6.6	8.5
Tennessee	7.8	13.1	0.2	0.1	*	*	8.0	13.2
Missouri	1.6	2.9	0.2	*	*	*	1.8	2.9
Arkansas	3.1	4.6	0.1	0.1	*	0.1	3.2	4.8
Louisiana	3.9	6.3	0.5	0.7	*	*	4.4	7.0
Oklahoma	0.7	0.2	10.0	19.3	-	-	10.7	19.5
Texas	0.8	1.4	11.0	10.7	*	*	11.8	12.1
New Mexico	1.5	0.3	1.1	3.0	0.1	0.1	2.7	3.4
Arizona	1.1	3.1	0.5	0.7	0.1	*	1.7	3.8
California	3.3	3.8	0.1	*	*	*	3.4	3.8
Other	3.9	5.9	0.4	-	-	-	4.3	5.9
United States	3.8	4.8	3.1	1.9	*	*	6.9	6.7

^{1/} Data for current season are preliminary.

* Less than 0.05 percent.

Table 9. American Pima cotton ginned in the United States, by grade and staple ^{1/}

Grade and Staple	Code	November 1-30				Season through November 30			
		1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
Grade		Bales	Bales	Pct.	Pct.	Bales	Bales	Pct.	Pct.
1	(10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	(20)	1,675	-	7.4	-	1,789	-	7.2	-
3	(30)	13,608	2,942	59.8	8.4	15,136	3,380	60.7	8.7
4	(40)	6,696	20,571	29.5	58.6	7,124	22,361	28.6	57.8
5	(50)	727	9,328	3.2	26.6	811	10,374	3.3	26.8
6	(60)	25	2,063	0.1	5.9	60	2,307	0.2	6.0
7	(70)	-	152	-	0.4	-	222	-	0.6
8	(80)	-	14	-	*	-	14	-	*
9	(90)	-	48	-	0.1	-	48	-	0.1
10	(00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		22,731	35,118	100.0	100.0	24,920	38,706	100.0	100.0
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Staple Code									
40 and shorter		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42		-	55	-	0.2	25	72	0.1	0.2
44		20,597	29,056	90.6	82.7	22,626	31,721	90.8	81.9
46		2,134	6,007	9.4	17.1	2,269	6,913	9.1	17.9
48 and longer		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		22,731	35,118	100.0	100.0	24,920	38,706	100.0	100.0

^{1/} Data for current season are preliminary.

* Less than 0.05 percent

Table 10. Percentage distribution of micronaire readings for American Pima ginnings prior to December 1, 1974 with 1973 comparisons, by states ^{1/}

Readings	State						United States	
	Texas		New Mexico		Arizona			
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent	
2.4 and below	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.7	-	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
2.8	-	0.2	-	0.4	-	-	-	0.1
2.9	0.1	0.3	-	1.1	-	-	*	0.2
3.0	0.1	1.6	0.8	0.4	-	0.2	0.1	0.7
3.1	0.4	2.1	-	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.2
3.2	1.0	7.6	2.4	7.9	1.1	0.3	1.1	3.9
3.3	1.5	9.1	3.2	11.2	2.0	0.3	1.8	4.8
3.4	4.8	13.7	5.6	8.8	3.3	0.8	4.3	6.6
3.5	7.7	13.6	8.8	11.9	7.0	1.9	7.6	7.4
3.6	10.8	14.9	10.4	16.7	8.2	4.8	9.9	9.9
3.7	11.6	12.1	17.4	12.4	12.0	6.4	12.1	9.2
3.8	17.4	9.3	12.1	7.5	17.7	10.7	17.2	9.9
3.9	11.8	7.0	8.0	6.9	15.1	13.6	12.7	10.4
4.0	13.7	4.1	11.2	5.8	11.7	17.5	12.8	11.2
4.1	8.2	1.7	8.1	2.5	11.5	17.6	9.4	10.0
4.2	6.4	1.1	6.4	2.6	5.4	13.1	6.0	7.4
4.3	2.1	0.8	1.6	1.3	3.7	7.0	2.6	4.0
4.4	1.7	0.4	3.2	-	0.6	3.6	1.4	2.0
4.5	0.6	0.1	0.8	-	0.4	1.4	0.6	0.7
4.6	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	0.3
4.7	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.1	*	*
4.8	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	*
4.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.0 and above	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Average mike	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.8

^{1/} Data for current season are preliminary.

* Less than 0.05 percent.

